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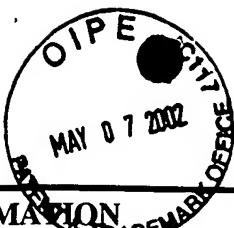
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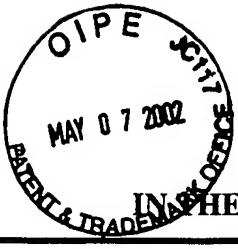
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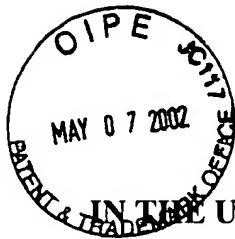
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In Japanese Patent Laid-Open Publication no. 2000-41296 the tubular knitted tinsel cord is used as heat bonded with the polyurethane layer. The tinsel cords have also been bonded to the damper body with a silicone adhesive agent.